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REMARKS

Presently, Claim 9 is amended to correct a typographical error and Claims 24-31 and 36-39 are cancelled. Accordingly, Claims 1-23 and 32-35 are pending. No new matter has been added.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 24-31 and 36-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Tsutsumi *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,031,019). The Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection. However, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants hereby cancel Claims 24-31 and 36-39. Accordingly, withdrawal of the anticipation rejection is respectfully requested. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue cancelled claims in related applications.

Allowed Claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing Claims 1-23 and 32-35.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in proper form for examination and favorable consideration. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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